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AT REST.
PRESIDENT WILSON BURIED.
FUNERAL SERVICE BROADCASTED.

WASHINGTON, February 6.
The Government departments and all commerce and industry observed a great silence on the occasion of President Wilson's funeral which was carried out without ceremonial but with the highest honours at the Little Bethlehem Chapel. The actual interment was witnessed by only his nearest relatives as President Coolidge, members of the Cabinet, diplomats and other guests left after the pronouncement of the benediction. The funeral service was broadcasted by wireless throughout the country.

RESENTMENT IN NEW YORK.
The crowd resenting the delay in the half-masting of the German flag at the German Embassy on the occasion of the funeral of ex-President Wilson decorated the front of the Embassy with an American flag. To-day the flag was removed after a complaint had been made to the police.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.
BERLIN, February 6.
It is officially announced that the German Ambassador at Washington asked the German Government whether he should officially express the sympathy of the Government on the death of ex-President Wilson. The Government replied that there was no occasion to express sympathy in the name of the Government and the Ambassador must himself decide the form wherein he personally wished to participate in the national mourning. —*Reuter's American Service.*

BACKBONE BROKEN.
MEXICAN REVOLT ENDING.
HUERTA IN FLIGHT.

MEXICO CITY, February 6.
War Department officials declare that with the flight of Huerta, the backbone of the insurrection has been broken. Huerta is believed to be fleeing to Yucatan. —*Reuter's American Service.*

WASHINGTON, February 6.
The American cruiser "Richmond" has entered Vera Cruz and Admiral Magruder is co-operating with the Consul-General in restoring normal conditions. —*Reuter's American Service.*
[Earlier cables announced that, following Federal victories, Huerta, the Revolutionary leader and his staff, had fled from their headquarters at Vera Cruz.]

LEGAL BUT RISKY.
FRANCO-RUSSIAN TRADE.
(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

PARIS, February 6.
M. Skobeleff, the Soviet commercial agent in France, is going to London with his staff in the afternoon, having completed the liquidation of his agency owing to the decision of the Seine Tribunal that Franco-Russian trade, although legal, must be undertaken at traders' own risk and cannot enjoy the protection of the French courts as long as the French Government does not recognise the Soviet Government.

MERELY PRIVATE.
CHURCH REUNION "CONVERSATIONS."

LONDON, February 6.
The Archbishop of Canterbury in a statement to the Convocation at Westminster emphasised that the Malines conversations on December 27 were not even within measurable distance of negotiations but were private conversations about the respective creeds and doctrines of the Churches of England and Rome.

SWIMMING.
AUSTRALIAN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

HOBART, February 6.
The Swedish swimmer, Arne Borg, won the Australian mile championship in 22 minutes and 45 3/5 seconds. Beaurepaire was second and Christy third.
[Recently Borg swam a mile in the world's record time of 22 minutes and 34 seconds.]

EMPIRE SQUADRON.
ARRIVAL IN MALAYA.

ADMIRAL FIELD INTERVIEWED.
(*From Our Own Correspondent.*)

SINGAPORE, February 6.
The "Hood" and "Rapide" have arrived at Port Swettenham, great festivities reigning at Kuala Lumpur. The visit has aroused the most intense interest.
Admiral Field, when interviewed, said the cruise had been a wonderful success and they had had a great reception everywhere. The objects of the cruise were to test modern ships under war conditions in the tropics, to make the young officers acquainted with the Empire, and to get the people to get to know the people of the Dominion.

RUHR OCCUPATION.
ALLEGED SECRET COMPACT.
LLOYD GEORGE'S ALLEGATION.
(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

LONDON, February 6.
The allegation that a secret compact was made between ex-President Wilson and M. Clemenceau in March 1919, during Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Paris, is made in a new book, "The Secret Compact," by Lord Northcliffe's telegraph. When he returned he found that Wilson had surrendered to Clemenceau and thus the French gained the right to occupy the Rhine country which finally included the Treaty. He had only recently discovered that during his absence in London M. Clemenceau and ex-President Wilson signed a secret compact there. He had just received the documents from the Foreign Office. The French now wish to publish the secret agreement and desire his consent.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE'S ALLEGATIONS.
The allegations of Mr. Lloyd George regarding a secret agreement between M. Clemenceau and President Wilson in 1919, have become a first-class sensation. The French Foreign Office has issued a statement to the effect that they prefer to await the text of the allegations before making any comment. In the meantime they deny the conclusion of any secret agreement.

LATER.
The British Foreign Office has issued a statement that the French Government recently notified them of their intention to prepare a Yellow Book containing documents relating to the drafting of articles 428 to 431 of the Peace Treaty and The British Government decided before replying to acquaint Mr. Lloyd George of the proposal as an act of courtesy. Consequently, proof sheets and documents were despatched to Mr. Lloyd George asking him whether he had any personal objection to their inclusion in the Yellow Book and requesting him to return the proofs.
No answer has been received and the first indication that the letter reached Mr. Lloyd George comes from this alleged interview.

TIT FOR TAT.
STRIKES IN CHRISTIANIA.

CHRISTIANIA, February 6.
The dock strike against a reduction of wages which has been proceeding for the past fortnight has seriously developed, the employers deciding to lock-out 30,000 employees. They threaten to lock-out a further 24,000 if an agreement is not reached in a week. The National Association of Trade Unions retaliated by proclaiming a strike in the paper pulp and celluloid industries, involving 13,000 employees.

NAVAL DISARMAMENT.
CONFERENCE IN ROME.

GENEVA, February 6.
M. Chicherin has notified the League of Nations Secretariat that the Soviet Government has agreed upon the place and date of the meeting of the Naval Disarmament Committee, namely at Rome on February 14. Admiral Behrens will represent Russia.

EMPIRE DEFENCE.
AUSTRALIA AND THE NAVAL BASE.

HOBART, February 7.
The Acting Premier Mr. Page in the course of a speech has declared that if the decisions to construct the Singapore Base are abandoned, the whole question of Empire defence must be reopened.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.
WASHINGTON, February 6.
New Zealand has challenged for the Davis Cup.

AMMUNITION SEIZED.
MANILA, February 6.
The Customs authorities have seized 1500 pounds of ammunition from the "President Jackson" destined to China, evidently loaded at Seattle.

INTERPORT SOCCER.
SHANGHAI BEAT HANKOW.

SHANGHAI, February 6.
In the second match, Interport soccer, Shanghai beat Hankow by ten goals to nil. —*Reuter.*

The same special service scheduled to arrive at Singapore on Sunday for a week's visit. —*Reuter.*
[The ship, with Admiral Leveson, is expected to arrive tomorrow.]

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1924, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th February to SATURDAY, 23rd February, 1924 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on the day and at the place aforesaid immediately upon the termination of the Ordinary Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolution viz.

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Corporation is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the ordinary note issue of the Corporation being increased from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 and to modify the existing requirements as regards the deposit of security in respect of its note issue in the following manner.

(a) So that the whole of the increase (namely \$10,000,000) of such ordinary note issue shall be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities.

(b) To provide that whatever the total amount of the note issue may be at any particular time the amount of coin as distinct from bullion or approved securities to be deposited by the Corporation shall never be less than one third of the total amount of the bills in actual circulation.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1924.

NATIONAL LOANS.

SUBSCRIBERS to the National Loans of the Third Year of the Republic (1914) and the Eleventh Year of the Republic (1922) are hereby notified that the following Drawings for the redemption of the above Loans will be held this year.

THIRD YEAR LOAN.

2nd June 1924: 7th Drawing (\$2,750,000 approx.); redemption begins 30th June.

1st December 1924: 8th Drawing (\$2,750,000 approx.); redemption begins 31st December.

It is to be noted that two Drawings of this Loan, instead of one, are being held this year in order to bring the redemption of the Loan and its extinction in 1925 into line with the schedule of amortisation prescribed by the Loan regulations.

ELEVENTH YEAR LOAN.

10th May 1924: 3rd Drawing (\$1,000,000); redemption begins 31st May.

10th November 1924: 4th Drawing (\$1,000,000); redemption begins 30th November.

The service of the above two Loans is conducted independently and forms no part of the National Consolidated Loan Service.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs,
Inspectorate General of Customs,
Peking, 23rd January, 1924.

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H.M.S. "Marazion,"
(Lightweight Champion of the
Colony).

Also One ten round Light Weight
Contest and One Welter Weight,
one Light Weight, Two Feather-
Weight and One Flyweight Contest
each of six rounds.

Booking.—For Members only on
the 4th February, at Moutrie's
5th February, at the Hongkong Hotel.
For the General Public on the 6th
February, at the Hongkong Hotel.
On the 7th and 8th February, at
Moutrie's.

Usual Prices.

Next Tournament March 8th, at
the Theatre Royal.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will
be held at the Hongkong Hotel,
Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 9th
February, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year end-
ing 31st December 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be closed from the
1st February to the 9th February
(both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1924.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of
the Sale by Public Auction to be
held on MONDAY, the 11th day
of February, 1924, at 3 p.m., at the
Office of the Public Works Department,
by Order of His Excellency the Governor,
of One Lot of CROWN LAND at
Shok Shan in the Colony of Hongkong,
for a term of 75 years, with the option
of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed
by the Surveyor of His Majesty the
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No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing	Area	Annual Rent	Upper Price
1	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
2	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
3	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
4	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
5	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
6	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
7	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
8	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
9	Shok Shan	N. 1/2 Sec. 10, T. 10, R. 10	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre	1/2 Acre
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Three hours..... 50 "

Four hours..... 60 "

Five hours..... 70 "

Six hours..... 80 "

Seven hours..... 90 "

Eight hours..... 100 "

Nine hours..... 110 "

Ten hours..... 120 "

Eleven hours..... 130 "

Twelve hours..... 140 "

Thirteen hours..... 150 "

Fourteen hours..... 160 "

Fifteen hours..... 170 "

Sixteen hours..... 180 "

Seventeen hours..... 190 "

Eighteen hours..... 200 "

Nineteen hours..... 210 "

Twenty hours..... 220 "

Twenty-one hours..... 230 "

Twenty-two hours..... 240 "

Twenty-three hours..... 250 "

Twenty-four hours..... 260 "

Twenty-five hours..... 270 "

Twenty-six hours..... 280 "

Twenty-seven hours..... 290 "

Twenty-eight hours..... 300 "

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND
NEAR

Mr. Percy Greenaway, who re-
ceived 963 votes to Sir Charles
Eve's 273, was elected a City of
London Alderman for Bishopsgate
Ward in place of the late Sir
Edward Moore.

Visitors to the London Zoological
Society's Gardens from January 1
to November 30 numbered 1,579,210,
an increase of 71,672 on the cor-
responding period last year, and
gate-money totalled £50,220.

Firemen putting out a fire at
Whitley Bay, Northumberland,
which destroyed the Pavilion
Picture Theatre, a tea house, and a
confectionery shop, had a narrow
escape when the wall of the theatre
fell.

The amount of £1 and 10s. notes
outstanding has increased during
the past week from £288,679,316 to
£295,817,208, the growth of
£7,137,892 being due to the de-
mands for additional currency for
the Christmas trade.

The Cunard 20,000-ton liners
"Carmania" and "Caronia" are to be
converted from coal to oil burners
at Clydebank and Barrow re-
spectively. Of the entire Cunard
passenger fleet the "Saxonia" will
then be the only coal-burner left.

William Reeves, a British war
veteran, in some prison theatricals
at Sing-Sing, the great jail near
New York, so realistically played
the part of an ex-convict who tried
to reform, other criminals that he
has been released on parole.

East Ham Council, in accordance
with an order of the High Court,
reheard 13 applications for licence
renewals, refused in September.
They granted music licences for
the publicans' premises in each
case, but withheld dance licences.

After January 1, all factories
have been required to provide first-
aid boxes or cupboards for the
treatment of minor injuries to
workmen. The box is to be in
charge of a responsible person,
and notices giving his name are to
be placed in all workrooms.

A firm of City merchants is said
to have bought for £10,000 the site
of St. Olave's Church, Duke-street,
Bermondsey, for a warehouse, but
the stone tower of the church will
be retained as an archway to an
open space on the site of the old
burial-ground.

At a complimentary luncheon to
him at the Holborn Restaurant,
W.C., Mr. Charles J. Drummond,
for many years secretary of the
London Society of Compositors, was
presented by printing trade friends
with an annuity of £200 for the
joint lives of himself and his wife.

The Englishman who was de-
tained at Turin at the instance of
the British Consul on suspicion of
his being Major Bailey, wanted
for the murder of his wife at Hove
(the Hove police state that they
know definitely he is not a kinema
actor in search of work.

Attempting to board a District
Railway train leaving Cross Station
Mrs. Eleanor Lyon, 55,
Ashmore-road, Maida-Hill, W.,
slipped between the train and the
platform and her legs were severed.
She died on the platform a few
moments later.

Casualties through boxing, foot-
ball, and motor-cycling among
cadets at the Royal Military Col-
lege, Sandhurst, this term have
been more numerous than usual,
and the question of motor-cycling
by the cadets is receiving serious
consideration, states the command-
ant in his report.

The New York Supreme Court
has awarded \$52,871 dollars
(\$112,374) from a trust fund created
by the late Mr. George J. Gould,
the American railway magnate, to
his children, among whom are
Lady Decies and Mr. Jay Gould,
the former world's amateur tennis
champion.

The Paris Civil Tribunal began the
hearing of the case in which Mr.
Frank Jay Gould claims that a fine
of 1000 francs (£12, 10s.) shall be
inflicted on his former wife, Edith
Kolly, on every occasion on which
she uses the name of Gould without
authority.

The sub-station on the L.C.C.
tramways at the Elephant and
Castle is to be reconstructed with
modern plant. The proposed ex-
penditure is estimated to amount to
£40,000, and the Highways Com-
mittee state that it is desirable the
estimate should be approved before
the Christmas recess.

A pearl necklace valued at
£50,000, has just been disposed of
by Messrs. Ordern & Sons, pearl
merchants, of London and Har-
rogate. Each pearl is flawless and
the string, which is fastened with a
diamond snap at each square, is one
of the finest sold in this country. It
was sold after being shown to the
Paris Commission.

MURDER CLUES.

NEW & STARTLING THEORY
OF DETECTION.

The astounding theory that the
brain of a murdered man, if im-
mediately subjected to treatment by
electricity, may reconstruct the
crime, and even reveal the identity
of the murderer, is discussed by
Mr. John C. Goodwin in his arrest-
ing book, "Insanity and the
Criminal," says *The Westminster
Gazette*.

Terrors for the few but untold
benefits for the many are fore-
shadowed in the enormous strides
that science is now making in re-
gard to knowledge of the human
brain.

Immense progress in the investi-
gation of brain affections is being
made to-day, and the time is not far
distant when startling results will
be announced," declares Mr. Good-
win.

It is suggested that the electrical
treatment of the brain might yield
results of enormous value. Phy-
siologists to-day affirm that our
brain record impressions of every-
thing as if they were gramophone
records. Moreover, science has
already discovered how fibres of
dead animals can thus be stimulated
into activity.

Undiscovered crimes.
An extension of this process would
help to reduce the number of un-
discovered crimes, clear up doubts as
to whether the case were one of
murder, manslaughter, suicide, or
accidental death.

In America, at the Michigan
State Penitentiary, X-ray apparatus
is used to examine the brains of con-
victs, and, when deemed desirable,
surgical operations are performed by
two Detroit surgeons. Experts in
England are making investigations
upon rather similar lines.

You cannot judge a book by its
cover, nor can you judge a man's
character by outward appearances.
There is no such thing as a
"sugar-top" head; watery blinking
eyes, peep-tooth, and a suggestive
smile—these are not infallible evi-
dence the author declares.

BRAINS AND INTELLIGENCE.

Intelligence, he says, does not
depend upon weight and size of the
brain. The brain of a canary (an
unintelligent creature) is one-fourth
the weight of the weight of its body,
while an elephant's brain (a highly
intelligent animal) is only one five-
hundredth. But researches have
shown that the average weight of a
criminal brain is much less than
that of a normal man or woman.

The average man's brain weighs
490z. a woman's 440z. Professor
L. Bischoff, of Munich, argued that
women were, therefore, mentally
inferior; yet, when his own brain
was weighed, it was under 440z.

Mr. Goodwin claims that the
fallacy that a man with a large head
must necessarily have an abnor-
mally efficient brain has been ex-
ploded; and attacks "the preten-
sions of phrenology, with its grotes-
que jargon relating to bumps."

But it has been proved that the
brain's temperature rises when it is
active—"hot headness," there-
fore, is more than a figure of speech.
The genius is a person of unbal-
anced mind—as in insanity, one or
more areas of the brain are develop-
ed at the expense of others. Great
mathematicians, for example, are
generally devoid of artistic skill and
imaginative ability. "Singularly
enough," he mentions, "the centre
associated with taste has not yet
been located."

Sir Bryan Donkin (medical
adviser to the Prison Commission-
ers), speaking at a Conference in
Birmingham, declared that at least
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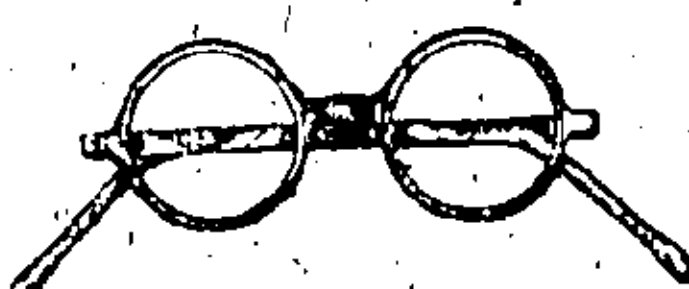


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HONGKONG THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1924.

GANDHI.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, just released from an Indian jail owing to broken health, is not quite 65 years of age. He studied law in London, and began the practice of it in South Africa. If all Indians felt about things as he does, and behaved accordingly, he might not have gone to jail at all. If all men could be as civilized or made as religious as he, the world would be freed from its most conspicuous troubles.

"When," he said to an interviewer, "I read in the Sermon on the Mount such passages as 'Resist not him that is evil, but whosoever smiteth thee on the right cheek turn to him the other also,' and 'Love your enemies and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be the sons of your Father which is in heaven,' I was simply overjoyed and found my own opinion confirmed where I least expected it. The Bhagavad Gita, deepened my impression, and Tolstoy's 'The Kingdom of God is within you' gave it permanent form. I do not like the term 'passive resistance'; it fails to convey all I mean. It describes a method, but gives no hint of the system of which it is only a part. Realism, and this

is my aim—is in doing good against evil. Still, I adopt that phrase because it is well known and easily understood, and because at present the great majority of my people can only grasp that idea. To me the ideas which underlie the Gita, the hymn and the Sermon on the Mount should revolutionize the whole of life."

"When some of his followers yielded to the temptation to use physical force, he wrote a protest in 'Young India,' November 24, 1921, which included this passage: 'There is only one God for us all, whether we find him through the Koran, the Bible, the Zend Avesta, the Talmud, or the Gita. And He is God of Truth and Love. I have no interest in living save for proving this faith in me. I cannot hate an Englishman or anyone else. I have spoken and written much against his institutions, especially the one he has set up in India. I shall continue to do so, if I live. But you must not mistake my condemnation of the system for that of the man. My religion requires me to love him as I love myself. I would deny God if I did not attempt to prove it at this critical moment.'"

Before that (February 16, 1917) he said in Madras: "You may not offend anybody, you may not harbour an uncharitable thought even in connection with one who may consider himself to be your enemy. . . . For one who follows the doctrine of ahimsa there is no room for an enemy. But there are people who consider themselves to

be his enemies, and he cannot help that circumstance. So it is held that we may not harbour an evil thought even in connection with such persons. If we return blow for blow, we depart from the doctrine of ahimsa. . . . When I say we should not resist, I do not say that we should acquiesce; but by resisting I mean wishing that some harm should be done to that enemy, or that he should be put out of the way, even by the action of somebody else, or, say, by divine agency. If we harbour even this thought we depart from the doctrine."

Is he a hypocrite? No one, even among his political opponents has suggested that. Colonel Wedgwood says: "He is as serious as a child, and as pure. One does not feel it blasphemous to compare him with Christ, and Christ too, one suspects, gave infinite trouble to reasonable and respectable followers."

The judge who tried him spoke very highly of his character as a man; but he had broken the law. "Non-violence," he kept saying, "makes non-cooperation a religious movement and throws man on God as his only Rock and Refuge. By non-violence the non-cooperator appears before his maker in his nakedness and commands divine help. He may not appear before him with his Bible or Koran or the Gita in one hand and his gun in the other. He appears on the contrary, with hands folded, a humble suppliant before the Great White Throne."

The sentence which has just been ended was not his first experience of jail. He was imprisoned in South Africa. In 'The Modern Review' he wrote: "The greatest good I derived from these sufferings was that gained by undergoing bodily hardships. I could see my mental strength clearly increasing, and it is even now maintained. The experience of the last three months has left me more than ever prepared to undergo all such hardships with ease. I feel that God helps such conscientious objectors, and in putting them to the test He only burdens them with such sufferings as they can bear."

When Women Rule.

According to Mrs. Oliver Belmont, president of the National Women's Party of America, the world before very long "will be run by women." She was addressing an equal-rights meeting at Colorado Springs, and made no further reference to her much-discussed statement, advising girls not to marry under present conditions, because matrimony for many people was a "sort of slavery." Mrs. Belmont's picturesque review of the world, as managed by men for twenty centuries, appealed to her audience's risibility. Europe's condition to-day, she said, is not a very appetizing mess, or, a very strong place for a masculine efficiency.

She held the balance of political power, she predicted that the time was not far distant when women would take over the affairs of the world, and when there would be established a women's government by women for the benefit of humanity in general. Mrs. Belmont said they must look to women outside the ranks of fashionable society to take the initiative in forming this world's government. "For nine years," she said, "I have been as one crying in the wilderness to women of wealth and leisure to give over their pleasures and frivolities and do something to justify their existence. I have tried in vain. No reform ever appealed to people who have all they want." In another part of her rousing address to the Western adherents of the National Women's Party, Mrs. Belmont related just a little as regards the part in the world's government reserved for mere men, and indicated that he might be useful in various administrative positions not necessitating a high order of imagination or the exercise of much political power. New York's millionaire women's leader was most bitter in her allusion to "women of leisure and luxury who refused to apply to a sense of their responsibility and duty in a world where they have earned no place for themselves."

Italy And Spain.

The recent ceremonial visit of the King of Spain to the Italian Court can hardly be regarded as one without political significance. King Alfonso was accompanied by his Prime Minister, who in Spain since the recent coup d'etat occupies at Madrid much the same position as Signor Mussolini in Rome. General de Rivera is as much a dictator in Spain as is the Fascist leader in Italy. They are, ostensibly, at any rate, engaged in similar tasks of cleansing the sugar stubble

fouled by the corrupt and feckless parliamentary Government they have superseded. This alone would suggest a reason for their taking counsel together. But this rapprochement of two Latin nations, the prelude of events of greater consequence. Europe is in the melting pot. Things generally are in such an unsettled state that no one can possibly say a day in advance what may happen next. Mussolini is strongly imbued with the spirit of Nationalism. He has decreed that in the primary schools of his country Italian shall be the one language taught, even in those erstwhile Austrian territories which were ceded to Italy under the peace settlement, where, hitherto, German or a Slav language prevailed. It is an open secret that he cherishes the hope of seeing Italy the dominating Power of the Mediterranean. He is said to be casting covetous eyes on Corfu, whose temporary occupation was a sensational phase of his recent quarrel with Greece, and the most cordial relations are maintained in the direction of Malta. With such a ruler in Italy, with a kindred spirit guiding the destinies of Spain, where you hold Gibraltar, and with a third attempt in all but name in M. Loincaré in France, their peoples all Latins, and their three countries having a sea littoral on the Mediterranean, more unlikely things may happen than the alignment of those countries sooner or later in a new triple alliance. Such an event could not be realised while the League of Nations exists, but the League would be powerless, constituted as it is, to prevent its consummation. Instinctively, almost, we refuse to believe even in the possibility of the Mediterranean becoming a mare clausum, for it is to ensure its free passage that Britain holds the "rock," which stands at its Atlantic gate; Sweden and Aden, which are its portals to the Indian Ocean and Malta as a naval base in the Mediterranean itself.

Generally regarded as a PUZZLING PERSONALITY

aggressor, Gandhi is also a formidable ascetic who has denounced the British system as an "irresponsible, insolent, and godless bureaucracy," and who "in solitude has bestride like a colossus." He is a man of simple wants and frugal habits. The apparent embodiment of gentleness, he is courteous, refined, implacable. According to a British observer who spoke with him—he is a master of accurate and lucid English—his eyes are deep, kindly and entirely sane; his hair is greying a little over the forehead. He has the "typical head of the idealist"—the skull well formed and finely modelled; the face narrowing to the pointed chin. He speaks gently and well, and in his voice is "a note of detachment which lends uncanny force to the strange doctrines that he has given his life to teach,"—the doctrines of a pure idealist whom the people of India reverence as a god.

Prof. Gilbert Murray in his 'Essays and Addresses' IN ENGLAND, has recalled the

days when Gandhi was in England. "About the year 1889 a young Indian student called Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, came to England to study law. He was rich and clever, and in his manner, gentle and modest in his family, gentle and behaved like other people. There was nothing particular about him to show that he had already taken a Jain vow to abstain from wine, from flesh, and from sexual intercourse. When I met him in England, in 1914, he ate, I believe, only rice and drank only water and slept on the floor; and his wife, who seemed to be his companion in everything, lived in the same way. His conversation was that of a cultivated and well-read man, with a certain indefinable suggestion of saintliness."

The presiding JUDGE, pronouncing judgment and sentence, said: "Mr. Gandhi, you have made my task easy in one way by pleading guilty to the charge. Nevertheless, what remains, namely, the determination of a just sentence, is perhaps as difficult a proposition as a judge in this country could have to face. The law is no respecter of persons. Nevertheless, it will be impossible to ignore the fact that you are in a different category from any person I have ever tried or am likely to have to try. It would be impossible to ignore the fact that in the eyes of millions of your countrymen you are a great patriot and a great leader. Even those who differ from you in politics look upon you as a man of high ideals and of noble and even saintly life. I have to deal with you in one character only. It is not my duty and I do not presume to judge or criticize you in any other character. It is my duty to judge you as a man subject to the law who has, on his own admission, broken the law and com-

mitted what to an ordinary man must appear to be grave offences against the State. I do not forget that you have consistently preached against violence, and that you have on many occasions, as I am willing to believe, done much to prevent violence. But having regard to the nature of political teaching and the nature of 'many' of those to whom it was addressed, how you could have continued to believe that violence would not be the inevitable consequence, it passes my capacity to understand. There are probably few people in India who do not sincerely regret that you should have made it impossible for any Government to leave you at liberty. But it is so. And I should like to say in passing sentence that if the course of events in India should make it possible for the Government to reduce the period and release you no one will be better pleased than I."

When, in the second week of March, 1922, the news was flashed over India that Mohandas K. Gandhi had been arrested, there was a brief period when the timid feared the worst. However, nothing, specially un- toward occurred, and with Gandhi in jail, the preparations for his trial were rapidly completed. When, on March 18, he appeared in the dock at Ahmedabad without counsel, with characteristic simplicity he pleaded guilty to all the charges against him. He went further, warning the presiding judge that his guilt was so complete that justice would be satisfied with nothing less than the maximum penalty. On receiving sentence he complimented the judge on his fairness.

The judge then rose and left the court. Gandhi's friends crowded round. Many were weeping, but the Mahatma himself was cool. There were last words of counsel to his successors in the struggle, and affectionate farewells to family and friends. Then came the prison guards, and the man whom one-fifth of the human race regards as worthy of divine honours was taken behind the bars. His parting words were, "Wear khaddar. Ply the spinning wheel."

To-day's Poem.

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 7.—Coronet Theatre; Jackie Coogan in "My Boy."

February 7.—Star Theatre; Mary McLaren in "The Wild Goose."

February 7.—World Theatre; Harold Lloyd in "Why Worry?"

February 18.—Pianoforte Recital at City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.

February 8.—Performance given by the Popular Concert Party of H.M.S. "Diomedes" in Palace Hotel.

February 23.—Royal Air Force Re-union Dinner.

March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.

SPORTS.

February 8.—Fourth tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

LAND SALE.

February 11.—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Shek Wan, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 23.—Annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall, 11.30 a.m.

February 25.—Thirty-seventh meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETING.

February 11.—Annual General Meeting, Kowloon Residents' Association, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The H.M.S. "Diomedes" concert party will give a performance at the Palace Hotel to-morrow.

There will be a cinematograph show for children at the Helena May Institute on Friday the 8th inst., at 5.30. The Machine has been kindly lent by Pathé Orient.

Adv't.

The thirty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Monday, February 25, at 11 a.m.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

OUR OFFICE WIZARD AND THE NEW YEAR.

Our office mathematician, always busy amid a labyrinth of figures, tying himself up in the entanglements of vulgar fractions and consulting our honest literary labours with acrobatic tricks performed by an elusive number nine, has at last, we are pleased to announce, justified his existence and has given us something which is pungent and striking, something which really attests to his claims as an arithmetical prodigy. It was the firecrackers that did it. Far from providing us with an idea, the ear-splitting and nerve-racking bangs have brought out a streak of genius in the figure wizard, which so far, we had failed to notice.

The Wizard was moping about the office yesterday morning like a fellow with tooth-ache. It was raining outside, firecrackers were driving us almost to madness and the Wizard's morbid presence put the lid on the cheerful scene. It would have been a case for the Police, with the Wizard the gory victim on a stretcher, had not the idea struck him. It struck him so forcibly that we all jumped with the precision of a troupe of chorus-girls. The dynamite bomb thrown through the office window had done its work well and for half-an-hour the Wizard was silent at his desk, scribbling on reams and reams of paper some of his mazes of marvellous figures.

At the end of his labour, the Wizard swept away the pile of paper and triumphantly handed us one single sheet. We read it painfully, but at the finish we must admit that our estimation of the Wizard jumped miles. It was a real inspiration and just to prove what a clever lad he is we give it for the benefit of an interested public. They were just brief facts, but telling and forceful.

If all the crackers fired during Chinese New Year had been placed end to end they would have reached from Hongkong to Shanghai.

If all the dynamite used in the crackers had been collected in the lump, it would have been enough to blow off the top of the peak and bore a hole right through the island big enough for an underground railway to Tsingling.

If all the bangs had been put together they would have been powerful enough to empty the harbour, reduce Hongkong to a desert and to cause a thunderstorm lasting a fortnight and six hours.

If all the fuses on the crackers had been joined and fifty-cent's worth of crackers fixed on the end, they would have reached from Hongkong to Shanghai, taken 15 hours to burn to the end and may have wakened up the Sikh police-man on point duty in Nanking Road.

The total number (estimated) explosions during the two days was 8,466,800; there were 250 duds and the waste paper collected from the streets will constitute enough material to complete the reclamation of the harbour at Wanchai.

All the smoke compressed into a one-pint jar, could have been let loose and blown last Tuesday into the middle of next week.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The popular concert party of the "Diomedes" is to give a performance in the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, on Friday.

Little damage is reported as a result of last night's storm. Several junks were overturned in the harbour, but no lives were lost.

The register of share members of The Hongkong Tramway Co. Ltd., will be closed from Thursday the 14th to Wednesday the 27th inst.

The draw for the Junior Championship of the Golf Club has been placed in the Club House. The first and second rounds are to be played on Sunday.

A Ruter message from Moscow states that the Revolutionary military tribunal at Chita sentenced General Popelaleff and twenty of his adherents to death and 45 others to 10 years and eleven to five years' imprisonment. Popelaleff, after the collapse of Kolchak's army, led various operations in Siberia and was taken prisoner last summer.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Ruter cable reports the death of Mr. Nettleton Goodwin, managing editor of the 'Penang Gazette.'

A Ruter cable announces the death of General Von Hoepfner who served with the German forces attached to the Allied Expedition in connection with the Boxer Rebellion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Parsons, Miss G. Neave, Messrs. L. E. and E. S. Kadoorie, and Capt. W. Davidson are passengers on the outgoing 'Empress of Russia.'

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDUCATION.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—I write to endorse the comments of Scholastic but I do not think he goes far enough.

Three of Hongkong's newspapers have commented at great length and very unfavourably on the proposed appointment of the New Director of Education, but the line of action is not sufficiently far reaching.

The Petition should be drafted by a Committee from among those gentlemen who convened the public meeting, which was held at the City Hall last year and assisted by those who supported the movement.

Had the Committee that convened the public meeting carried out the whole of the programme contemplated, we should not now find ourselves in the predicament we stand to-day—and running the risk of having another cadet foisted upon us. It seems to me, Sir, that while the petition is being circulated for signature, a cable should be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies requesting that no recommendation regarding the appointment of Mr. Irving's successor be confirmed until the voice of the public of this Colony has been heard. The cost of such a cable could be borne by public subscription collected through the newspaper and, limited, say, to \$1.00.

Copies of the Petition should be sent to the leading educational papers at home, to Col. John Ward, to the Parliamentary representatives of the Teachers.

In view of the change of Government I feel sure we can reasonably expect a sympathetic and considerate hearing, especially as the New Government is composed of Labour Members.

The sooner we air our grievance and state our requirements the better for ourselves; then local Government officials will learn that they hold their offices at the will of the people and for the people only.

The policy in the past must cease, and class appointments must not be tolerated.

To turn over the Education Department to anyone other than a man who knows the work is infamous and it will be well for our officials to take heed and listen to the voice of warning and advice as voiced to public opinion and submit.

Are we too lethargic to take the matter in hand? Wake up Hongkong.

The finger of scorn has been pointed at our Education Department for years but this must be changed. Times are changing as well as sentiment.

We stand on the threshold of China, the Lighthouse we have been called, but our lamp burns dim and needs retrimming. This can be done only by a qualified and experienced teacher drawn from our Education Department—one who has grown up with the education of the Colony.

In conclusion I would say that the Education Board has failed miserably. If at the last meeting it had insisted on its rights to discuss appointments it would have been in a position to dictate the present contemplated one, but they went "as lambs to the slaughter."

Yours truly,
FATHER OF TEN.
Hongkong, February 2, 1924.

WEDDING BELLS.

HAYWOOD—SEARLE.

The pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral this morning at Miss Violet Constance Searle and Mr. Guy Robson Haywood, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle performing the ceremony. The bride looked charming in her dress of ivory satin and lace. She wore a long veil but no train and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her going-away costume was of pale blue charmeuse, with a squirrel fur coat and blue hat. She was given away by her father, Mr. Henry H. Searle and the best man was Mr. L. E. S. Hodge. Miss Kathleen Murphy, the bridesmaid, wore a dress of mauve crepe satin with a mauve georgette hat to match. She carried a lovely bouquet of pink roses.

After the service, which was fully choral, a reception was held at St. George's House. The beautiful wedding cake was supplied by Café Wiseman. The happy couple will spend their honeymoon at Manila and Baguio.

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CEMENT COMPANY SENSATION.

FOUR DIRECTORS RESIGN.

SHAREHOLDERS DEMAND CAPITAL INCREASE.

TAKEN AS VOTE OF CENSURE.

Following the adoption by the shareholders of resolutions increasing the capital of the Company and providing for the appointment of two additional directors, the whole of the Directors of the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., with the exception of the Chairman (Mr. R. Shewan), resigned at the close of an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held this morning.

The meeting, which was held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Coy., the general managers of the Company, was crowded, there being over sixty shareholders present. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were present: the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and the Rev. Father Robert (Directors), Mr. Allan Keith (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—

Messrs. B. Basto, J. P. Bragg, C. A. da Roza, W. Adamson, A. W. da Roza, F. M. L. Soares, E. J. Figueredo, Fred Ellis, Felix Ellis, J. A. Bagram, E. M. Raymond, W. van Carriol, H. H. Taylor, A. L. Shields, T. S. Tsant, Tsang Foo, A. L. Apar, W. T. Shewan, F. P. de V. Soares, D. M. Goodall, J. H. Ruttonice, J. W. Kew, O. Kitchell, J. Barradas, W. Allen, J. M. da Rocha, A. A. Cordeiro, I. S. Perry, M. A. Figueredo, S. A. Lopes, J. M. Alves, Tong Hok-ting, Li Tse-fong, Yip Yung-pak, Choi sui-woo, Woo Fong, Lau Mok-lin, F. M. da Silva, Ho Shai-cho, O. el Arculi, Chan Shai-shang, T. W. Munton, Lee Ping-shan, V. Curram and Miss B. Pereira.

The resolutions, which were taken by the dissenting Directors as a vote of censure, were put before the meeting as the result of a requisition signed by a number of shareholders. Two of them had to do with the increasing of the Company's capital from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 by the creation of 400,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$750 each, and the third was concerned with the appointment of two additional Directors. It was suggested that the new Directors should be Messrs. C. A. da Roza and Li Tse-fong.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—This meeting has been called in response to a letter signed by 39 shareholders, representing 123,098 shares, which I will now read to you. The question of moving the factory from Hok Un has been before the Directors for some time, and the suggestion which comes from shareholders that the capital of the Company should be increased was specially discussed at a Directors meeting held on the January 10, last, this meeting being called for that special purpose at the request of certain shareholders. The decision arrived at, was as you know communicated to the public the same day. It was "That the Board of Directors was not yet prepared, nor in a position to say at present, whether more capital was required or not."

The resolutions before you embody all the wishes of the shareholders who signed the letter of the January 11, and it is now for you to say whether they shall be accepted or rejected.

Mr. Da Roza's Proposal.

Mr. Da Roza said, addressing the Chairman:—

Early last month a representative group of shareholders asked you to place before the Board of Directors a proposal for an increase in the Company's capital in order to provide funds for the purpose of erecting a new factory on another site which we understood by an arrangement with the Government, was imminent.

You informed us, Mr. Chairman, that the proposal had been duly submitted, and later an announcement appeared in some of the local papers giving really no decision in the matter. As far as I remember the announcement stated that the Directors had not decided whether or not to issue new capital—the position was left in doubt, and it is for the purpose of clearing it, and of assisting the Board into a decision, that this meeting was requisitioned for.

I think we are all agreed that the present factory at Hok Un has got to be moved; we have no choice in the matter because of the development scheme of the Government, and we are really extremely fortunate that the gain in Kowloon in recent years has so increased the value of the land on which the factory now stands that we can afford, if need be, to scrap all our other fixed assets at Hok Un. Apart therefore from Government pressure, and viewing the proposition entirely from our own angle, it will be folly economically to resist the change further. But to avoid any possible misapprehension on the part of shareholders of a conservative frame of mind, I should like to mention some figures. I have nothing later than the balance sheet of December 31, 1922, to

refer to, but from that statement which should not be different to the present position to any great extent, the only fixed assets which will have to be scrapped are the buildings and machinery valued at \$410,000—against which there was a reserve for new plant of \$6 lakhs, so that the sacrifice we are making has already been provided for out of past profits.

The New Factory Site.

The new site for the factory, gentlemen, will be, I am told, at Gin Drinkers Bay; we have no information as to its suitability, but from a passing knowledge of the district—it will cost a considerable sum perhaps \$2,000,000, if not more, to develop, and lay out for the erection of an up-to-date factory and the provision of a sea wall, wharves, etc. On top of that, there will be heavy capital expenditure for kilns which no doubt will be of the rotary type. Two of these, the minimum we should commence with, will take away a large sum and there are the buildings, grinding machinery and other plant to be provided for which will account for another huge amount. The scheme, gentlemen, involves anything from 5 to 6 million dollars, staggering figures requiring some optimism to put up, but fortunately for ourselves not entirely dependable on the fortunes of business to justify the million and a quarter feet of land at Hok Un, nominally valued at \$1 per square foot, should give us an opportunity to recoup that figure.

Is all this heavy expenditure justifiable? A great part is unavoidable even if the new factory should be of the Hok Un type, and we are therefore only required to justify expenditure in excess of the cost of a factory of that description. Gentlemen, I don't know anything about the technicalities of cement manufacture, but as a business proposition the expenditure appears to me to be sound.

Meeting Competition.

We make a cement second to none, our cement still holds the premier position in various markets solely because of its quality, but our prices are sufficiently above our competitive brands to make it an important consideration, and we are consequently risking further loss of some of our markets, if these competitive brands should ever reach the "Green Island" standard of quality.

Gentlemen, our comparatively higher prices have been kept up because of heavy working costs, we cannot afford to reduce them so long as the Company is handicapped by antiquated methods, forced on us by old and worn out machinery. Cost of manufacture can be brought down sufficiently to enable a reduction in price qualifying Green Island Cement to meet competition on the basis of quality alone. Up-to-date machinery should also increase our output very considerably without an increase in expenditure in the same ratio, and in this connection it is illuminating to know that a factory in Japan has an annual output of 4,000,000 barrels, and another in North China of over 1,500,000 barrels. I have never been told what our output is, but let me guess at a figure of something under 900,000. We are meeting competition in the Philippines, the Straits, Siam, Indo-China, Japan and North China, and there are rumours of other factories springing up in North China and in Indo-China, but the strangest thing of all is the competition locally in foreign cement which we have fortunately not up to now felt because of the demand exceeding the supply.

Our profits, gratifying as they have been, might have been better, were they not curtailed for want of ability to produce more, but in this respect there should be no ground for complaint in the future if we adopt a progressive policy, and proceed with the erection of the new factory energetically. With all respect to you, Mr. Chairman, the opinion is somewhat widely held that the Green Island Cement Co. has stood still watching the remarkable development around us during recent years, and this no doubt has encouraged the importation of foreign cement.

And I suggest also that our business in the Colony should be centralised by giving up the works at Deep Water Bay, and turning on the manufacture of bricks, pipes, etc. on the land adjacent to the new cement factory, if the necessary raw material can be obtained there. That is a side of our business which has apparently only brought losses, but the same business, if one may judge by the number carrying it on in the Colony, must be remunerative to others.

Where are we to find the minimum of 5 to 6 million dollars necessary to carry out this project? Obviously it must come from new capital, and the present time gives you the best opportunity to carry out an operation of this nature. Money has never been more plentiful in Hongkong through indifference to trade, but this condition may not survive a revival in business. You will be asked, gentlemen, to authorise new capital to the extent of 3 million dollars, but only in easy stages as, and when the Company should require funds for capital expenditure, and it strikes me as a wise policy to attach the liability to shareholders in the meanwhile.

I don't know what the Company's actual cash position may be, but I am assuming there will be a round sum of 15 lakhs after payment of last year's dividend. Even that sum and the new capital will not be sufficient to meet the capital expenditure before the Company.

Rumours have been current that the Company can finance this important change by means of a loan from the Government of Hongkong at a particularly cheap rate of interest. If so, it will be pleasant news, but more interesting it will be to know the *quid-pro-quo* required by the Government. If it should mean a sale of the land at Hok Un at an arbitrary price to be fixed by the Government, if it should mean that this Company will not receive the full benefit of the accretion in value contrary to a principle recognised by the Government in another matter only to-day, I think Mr. Chairman, you will find the general body of shareholders against you. We shall probably be able to do better ourselves, and we shall find ways and means to carry out scheme of development.

On the other hand, if the loan should be under conditions we could accept, how will repayment be made so long as the Hok Un land is not realised? We cannot rely on profits to obtain cash for this purpose, without stopping dividends, and this is no doubt not contemplated. It comes to this, Mr. Chairman, that sooner or later the cash must be found, and conditions may be adverse when the situation is forced on you.

For these reasons, Mr. Chairman, I think we ought to proceed immediately with the proposed increase of capital, and I have much pleasure accordingly in proposing the resolutions. (Applause.)

Mr. Bernard Explains.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard said:—The circumstances connected with the calling of this meeting are somewhat unusual, and, with your permission

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MESSRS. THOMSON & CO., Chartered Accountants announce that they have THIS DAY opened an Office at 4A, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong. Telephone No. Central 4616.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1924.

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THE draw for the above Championship has been placed in the usual Club Houses.

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PERCY SMITH, BETH & FLEMING, Secretaries and Treasurers.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1924.

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W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.

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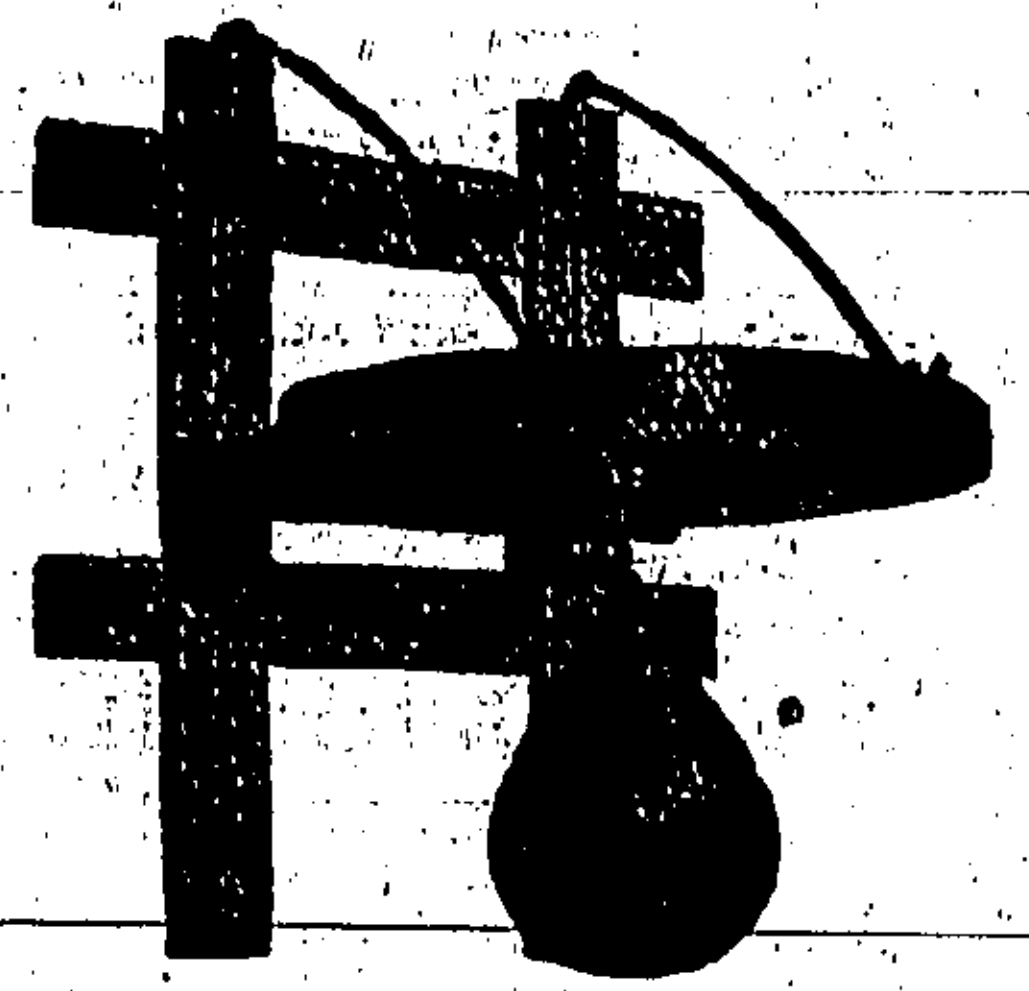
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OUR TOWN.

BY ONE OF THE HOI POLLOI.

(Part 2.)

SOME AMUSEMENTS.

It is well known that those dwellers on The Heights for which our Town is famous are very fond of indulging in various amusements in order to relieve the monotony of the clouds. After all clouds are rather monotonous when you live in them, in spite of the fact that they serve to make the lower parts of the town rather more remote. I have already written about the feasts which take place on The Heights, of their lavishness and magnificence, and their, perhaps, form the chief social activity of our leading citizens, for they are great believers in the "with good upon lined" idea. But there are other amusements which are no less important in their way. One is going to the Bank. Now in other places less enlightened than ours, going to the Bank is business purely and simply. In such places you go into the bank with your cheque, to be paid in or cashed; an obliging cashier deals with it at once, and you are outside in three minutes. This is not our idea of a Bank. Our Banks are very spacious and cool, built for crowds. You go to the Bank to meet your friends and have a chat, and rarely does one get out under half an hour. If you wish to pay in a cheque, you go to the proper counter and there find a small crowd collected, and very leisurely, an ancient cashier deals with the cheques presented. Perhaps, however, he may be engaged in writing now in a small book, but the crowd waits patiently. Actually the crowd is not waiting. Pleasant gossip and small talk is indulged in, and when the cashier does hold out his hand for your cheque, you feel quite resentful that he should disturb this pleasant little meeting. Similarly when you want a cheque cashed, you go first to one counter, and after talking for some time with your friends, you suddenly find that the cashier has finished conversing with some fair damsel down from The Heights, or that he has finished his tenth pipe of the morning. Your cheque is then taken and it disappears into the inner recesses of the Bank for at least fifteen minutes. You, in the meantime, move along to the paying out counter, only to meet with another group of friends. Eventually you leave the Bank with a feeling of regret, the half hour has passed only too quickly. One Bank, I hear, is proposing to provide Mah Jong sets for the use of customers in order to make "Going to the Bank" still more pleasant.

A less popular amusement for our chief citizens is the Theatre. Like going to church, it is chiefly an opportunity to show off new dresses. The play is not taken very seriously as there is still that ancient idea about that actors and actresses are not nice to know; also our culture is a little above mere theatrical performances. Perhaps the real reason for going to the Theatre is the opportunity for impressing the dweller of the lower parts of Town. Of course our great men and their ladies sit "up in the gods." What is more natural, I ask you, than that our local Olympians should occupy seats raised far above the Hoi Polloi? So there in the theatre, on seats aloft, arrayed in their best clothes, sit our Mighty Ones, while the humble people, filled with awe and respect, worship them from after. In order to create a still greater impression, it is necessary for the "gods" to enter just as, or after, the curtain goes up. As I have said the theatre is not very popular, for most of our Olympians have discovered that a far better way of impressing the rest of the world is to stay away altogether. If it were really cultured to take an interest in the Theatre, one would be built, of course, on The Heights. It is only the support of the Hoi Polloi that keeps the wretched thing going at all.

OUR COUNCIL.

You will be glad to hear that the Tree Campaign is proceeding well. Several large patches on the sides of The Heights have recently been laid bare, preparatory to their being covered with bricks and mortar. Hardly a tree exists now in Hambrope Road. The place was encumbered up with many useless and ancient Banyans, but in a short time, the last will have gone, and, of course, no more planted. There are great feelings of satisfaction in the hearts of our Councillors. I learn that the arrangements for the inauguration of The Order of The Treeless Town are nearing completion, and that the first list of those on whom the Order is to be bestowed will be published shortly. *Urbs Nostra Stupor Mundi!*

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NEW YEAR CRICKET.

CLUB DEFEAT SERVICES ON 2ND INNINGS.

Though 10 runs down on the first innings, the H.K.C.C. recovered in the second and gained a fairly comfortable victory, over the United Services in the two days match on the Club ground. Scores in the first innings were 188 to 169, but at the second attempt the Club scored 262 and the Services, a modest 131. The Club's second innings were consistently good.

Second Innings scores were: (first innings appeared in yesterday's issue.)

H.K.C.C.—First Innings.			
Mitchell, c Gould, b Rough	29		
Lammert, b Pomfret	11		
Sayer, c b Pomfret	23		
Powell, b Pomfret	15		
Quick, b Pomfret	0		
Mote, c Pomfret, b Hargreaves	48		
Peirce, c Wallace, b Hargreaves	52		
Owen Hughes, l.b.w. Rough	41		
Webster, c Pomfret, b Rough	26		
Gace, st. and b. Wallace	1		
Rough, not out	2		
Extras	14		
Total	262		

Bowling Analysis.			
Hargreaves	13	1	65
Pomfret	19	3	54
Pritz	14	0	40
Rough	10	2	25
Wallace	8	1	34
Gould	3	0	26

UNITED SERVICES.			
2nd Innings.			
Pritz, c Owen Hughes, b Reed	4		
Johnson, c Hughes, b Reed	3		
Sharpe, c Mure, b Quick	17		
Hargreaves, c Peirce, b Powell	47		
Powell, b Pomfret	1		
Williams, b Powell	1		
Wallace, b Pomfret	10		
Ridolf, c Quick, b Lammert	1		
Pomfret, c Gace, b Lammert	1		
Hattersley-Smith, c Hughes, b Lammert	31		
Rough, not out	4		
Extras	8		
Total	131		

Bowling Analysis.			
Reed	12	3	24
Lammert	10	1	34
Webster	4	1	12
Powell	10	3	31
Quick	7	2	22

KOWLOON C.C. v. R.E.'s.

In a friendly match played at the Kowloon ground, yesterday the Royal Engineers were defeated by the small margin of 15 runs. In their first innings, the K.C.C. knocked out 90, which drew a reply of 65. This same total was scored by the home team in the second innings, leaving the Engineers 21 to get to win. The feature of the match was the bowling of Jacob in the second innings. He took eight wickets for 11 runs.

Kowloon—1st Innings.			
H. Overy, c Winter, b Playford	21		
A. O. Brown, b Jacob	3		
A. Raven, b Playford	8		
B. J. Edwards, b Playford	4		
E. Savage, c Cloughton, b Goodman	21		
A. W. Summers, b Goodman	1		
O. Raven, c Jacob, b Cloughton	19		
W. Woolley, b Cloughton	4		
J. Lang, not out	2		
D. Green, c and b Winter	1		
A. McHewitt, b Jacob	2		
Extras	4		
Total	90		

Bowling Analysis.			
Playford	7	1	24
Cockell	6	1	20
Jacob	8	2	19
Goodman	4	0	11
Cloughton	4	3	12
Winter	13	0	0

R.E.'s—1st Innings.			
L./Sgt. Cockell, b Overy	0		
O.M.S. Ramsey, b Brown	0		
Capt. Chippendale, b Brown	1		
L./Sgt. Brown, b Overy	7		
C.G.M. Smith, c Brown, b O. Raven	21		
L./Sgt. Winter, c Green, b O. Raven	25		
Spl. Goodman, st. Edwards, b O. Raven	0		
O. Raven	1		
O.M.S. Jacob, b O. Raven	1		
Spl. Cloughton, c Green, b O. Raven	1		
Raven	2		
M. Playford, b O. Raven	0		
L./Sgt. Best, not out	1		
Extras	7		
Total	65		

Bowling Analysis.			
Overy	8	0	20
Brown	12	3	28
O. Raven	5	1	16

Kowloon—2nd Innings.			
Lang, b Winter, b Jacob	1		
Green, b Playford	0		
Fraser, b Jacob	0		
A. Raven, b Jacob	23		
O. Raven, c Playford, b Jacob	11		
Edwards, b Jacob	7		
Savage, b Jacob	0		
Woolley, c Winter, b Jacob	1		
Summers, b Jacob	0		
Overy, c Playford, b Cockell	8		
Extras	8		
Total	66		

Bowling Analysis.			
O. Raven	11	1	37
Fraser	6	0	14
Brown	4	0	16
Overy	8	4	9

BANK MYSTERY.

MONTH END RUSH.

SUSPECTED OVERPAYMENTS.

Although the compadore department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has stated that none of the Bank's shroffs has absconded but that one may be prosecuted for an alleged shortage of about \$2,000 and the police have ridiculed the rumour that the shortage is \$40,000 as published in Monday's *China Mail*, it is still learnt from a highly trustworthy source that investigations are still being made concerning two supposed deficits of \$40,000 and \$3,000, respectively. Further inquiries have brought forth statements from people with current accounts at the Bank that endeavours have been made to trace an alleged over-payment of \$3,000 against a cheque for \$300. A *China Mail* reporter was told that during the rush on January 31, a fohi or shroff from a Chinese firm returned to his employers with \$300 in notes, the proceeds of a cheque for that amount. Since then the shop-master has been approached and he is quoted as having replied to the effect that his employee, only brought back \$300 and that he had every confidence that if the fohi had been overpaid, he would not have kept the surplus.

Another source persists that the rumour regarding the sum of \$40,000 has not been cleared up. It goes so far as to claim that investigations are still being made in this connection but that there are chances that there is no deficit in the cash at all, that the matter will soon be straightened. Reports now current go to confirm the statement that none of the shroffs has absented himself from any ulterior motive.

"MY BOY."

DELIGHTFUL COOGAN PICTURE.

The Coronet have a well-deserved reputation for pictures, but they will probably not bring one here so acceptable to public taste generally as "My Boy" with little Jackie Coogan as the star. Jackie's art grows on one, and such is the appeal of his happy presence that his further appearances will be eagerly looked for.

Claude Dillingwater, has the part of Cap'n Dan, the old skipper who is adopted by the young rascal of an emigrant boy.

There is loads of humour throughout, whilst the scenes where Jackie is given full scope to act are bound to bring tears to the eyes of the most hardened fan.

THE STAR.

GLOBE TROTTERS.

Today is the last day of the "Wild Goose" with Mary MacLaren, at the Star. To-morrow the "Globe Trotters" commence a short starring engagement. Dick Norton, O.C. Humour Dept. is well-known in the Far East, and another popular favourite is Jack Crichton, chief fun-maker with the last big Bandman show.

The entertainment is described as a pot-pourri of burlesques, comedy sketches &c., and is said to recall the happiest days of the Follies.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Rosandra" not claimed by consignee, will be subject to rent. Agents—Doddwell & Co. Ltd.

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Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.			
Playford	8	0	20
Jacob	8	1	11
Goodman	3	1	17
Cockell	3	1	15

R. E. 2nd Innings.			
Cockell, c O. Raven	2		
Chippendale, b O. Raven	4		
Brown	25		
Brown, b O. Raven	1		
Smith, c Fraser, b Overy	16		
Winter, c Green, b Overy	12		
Goodman, b O. Raven	12		
Jacob, b Overy	0		
Cloughton, c and b Raven	0		
Playford, c Edwards, b Overy	1		
Best, not out	1		
Extras	1		
Total	76		

Bowling Analysis.			
O. Raven	11	1	37
Fraser	6	0	14
Brown	4	0	16
Overy	8	4	9

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TRANSPORT.	
Poultry in crates inspected	877
Cattle in trucks and lorries	270
Loads	
Poultry in bunks and ferries	398
Crates	2,637
Pigs on junks and ferries	975
Cattle in junks and ferries	323
Cattle on shore	140
Sheep and goats on shore	14
Cockatoos, cages	12
EXPORT.	
Poultry in ships and junks	5
Crates	391
Cattle in ships and junks	8
Pigs	4
Monkeys	4
IMPORTS.	
Poultry in ships and junks	3,620
Crates	7,843
Pigs in ships and junks	36
Pigs by rail	2,247
Cattle in ships and junks	19
Sheep and goats in ships	15
Monkeys	15
Small birds, cages	2
Puppies	19
Wild cats	13
Portulacas, baskets	9
Pencocks	1

VISITS.

Impeketa	59
Birdshops	21
Cattle depots	9
Dealers shops at Mongkok	38
Landing place at Kennedy Town	25
Poultry depots	16
Dogs home	7
Pig pens at Yau-mai	3
Railway stations	11

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ignorant empty cases collected from street

Dogs removed from street

Search for a lost dog

Ferries watched, times

Cautions given

CHINA COAST.

LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.

Mr. J. L. Leslie, third engineer, "Shansi," is on reserve. Mr. J. V. King, from reserve, has gone third engineer "Shansi."

Mr. C. A. J. Roberts, second officer, "Luenho," has resigned. Mr. H. C. Taylor has been appointed second officer, "Luenho."

Mr. G. S. Weigall, supply second officer, "Kungwo," has resigned. Mr. R. Young, from reserve, has gone supply second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. A. Woodley, chief officer, "Tungshing," has gone chief officer, "Kwongsang." Mr. A. Dockwrey, chief officer, "Kwongsang," has gone chief officer, "Tungshing."

Mr. J. Miller has been appointed second officer, "Tingsing." Mr. J. R. Middleton, second officer, "Tingsing," has gone second officer, "Tuckwa."

Mr. S. E. McKinley, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Luenho." Mr. C. Ross, second engineer, "Luenho," is on leave.

Captain O. C. Brown, of the "Tseangtah," is on leave. Mr. A. R. Smith, chief officer, "Tseangtah," has gone acting master, same ship.

Mr. W. R. Reynolds, chief officer, "Sarvistan," has gone chief officer, "Frangestan." Mr. J. B. Struth, chief officer, "Frangestan," has gone chief officer, "Sarvistan."

Mr. G. P. Francis, second officer, "Lorestan," has gone second officer, "Frangestan." Mr. E. P. Smith, third officer, "Lorestan," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. T. Fletcher, chief officer, "Talleo," has gone acting master, same ship.

Captain J. Willox, of the "Talleo," has been murdered by pirates.

Mr. H. M. Rogers, from reserve has gone chief officer, "Talleo." Mr. J. M. Anderson, chief officer, "Haitan," has gone acting master, same ship. Captain E. Jones of the "Haitan," is on leave.

Mr. E. G. Thomas, from reserve has gone second officer, "Klungchow." Mr. W. J. Turner, second officer, "Klungchow," has gone second officer, "Waha."

YACHTING.

HOLIDAY RACE RESULTS.

The yacht "Adanac" sailed by Mrs. Mitchell won the fourth race in the ladies' Championship. Conditions were good and the boats finished the nine mile course in quite good time. Mrs. Mitchell's victory took her to the top of the list tying with Belinda (Miss Grace) in first place with 62 points. The results were—

Yacht	Finishing Time	Points
Adanac	42 38	62
Daphne	44 29	51
Sealark	47 36	43
Halcyon	48 51	38
Alisa	52 23	28
Belinda	54 44	26
Bonito	54 50	25
Gladys	55 09	24
Joan	55 30	23
Boojun	55 35	22
Pierrette	56 30	21
Ursula	57 13	20

SATURDAY'S RACES.

Lack of wind on Saturday prevented several boats from completing the course by the time limit. The start and finish of the course was at the Club house line, and the marks were Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock, Cust Rock Buoy and Lyemun Beacon.

GAEL CLASS.

Pierrette	51 51	5 53 48	1 32
Joan	51 51	5 56 0	2 43
HEYWARD HEYES CLASS.			
Gladys	55 56	5 56 52	5 43
Sealark	55 52	5 53 19	2 02
Boojun	55 53	5 54 50	3 57
Winifred	55 59	5 55 47	4 57
Adanac	55 59	5 56 15	5 64
Wania	55 51	5 52 20	1 61

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Daphne	52 48	4 81
Bonito	52 48	3 13
Alisa	52 48	1 32
Halcyon	52 48	2 20
HINDICAP CLASS.		
Diana	57 38	3 30 5
Rolla	54 57	3 20 17
La Linda	54 45	3 38
Colleen	57 38	3 31 7

The cruisers raced over a nine-mile course on Sunday, at the western end of the Harbour, taking in Discovery Bay, Chung Hing, North Fairway Buoy, and Datum Rock, with the start and finish at a line between the north and south fairway buoys.

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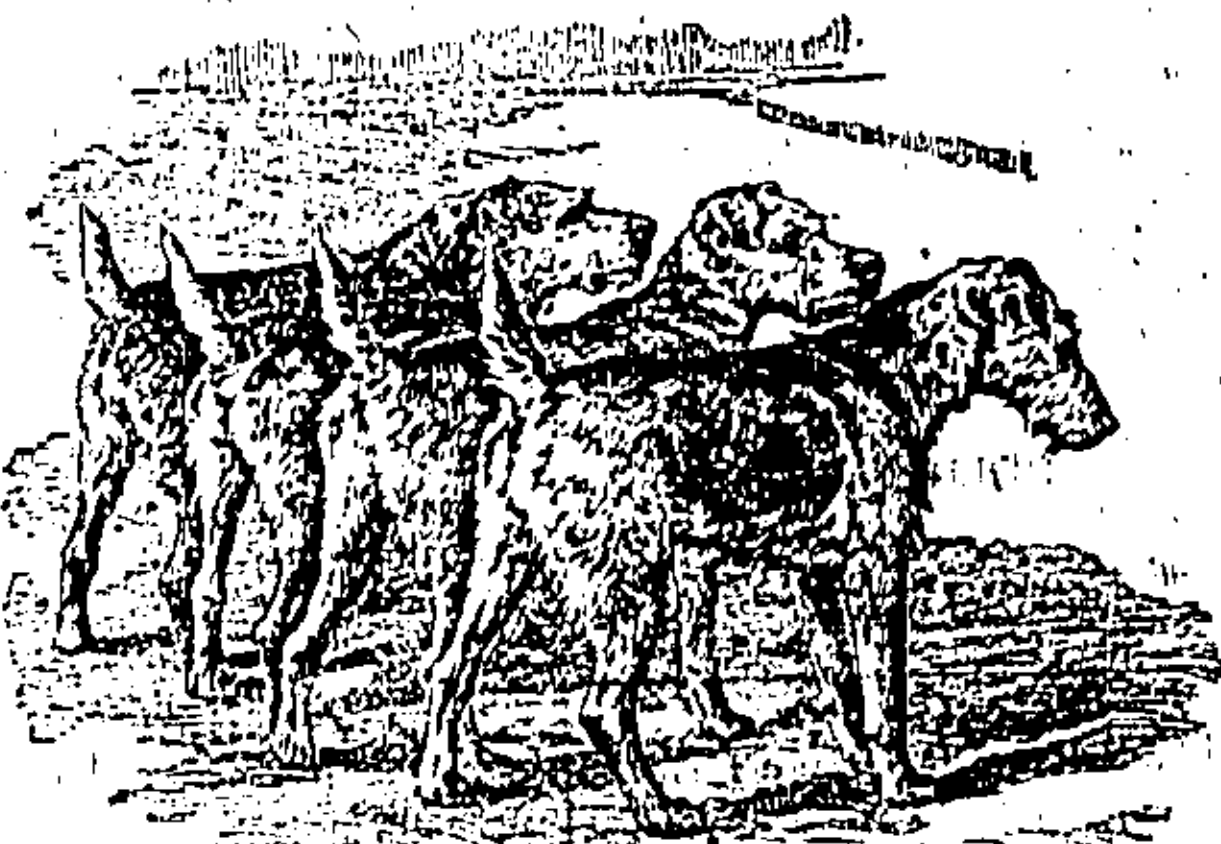
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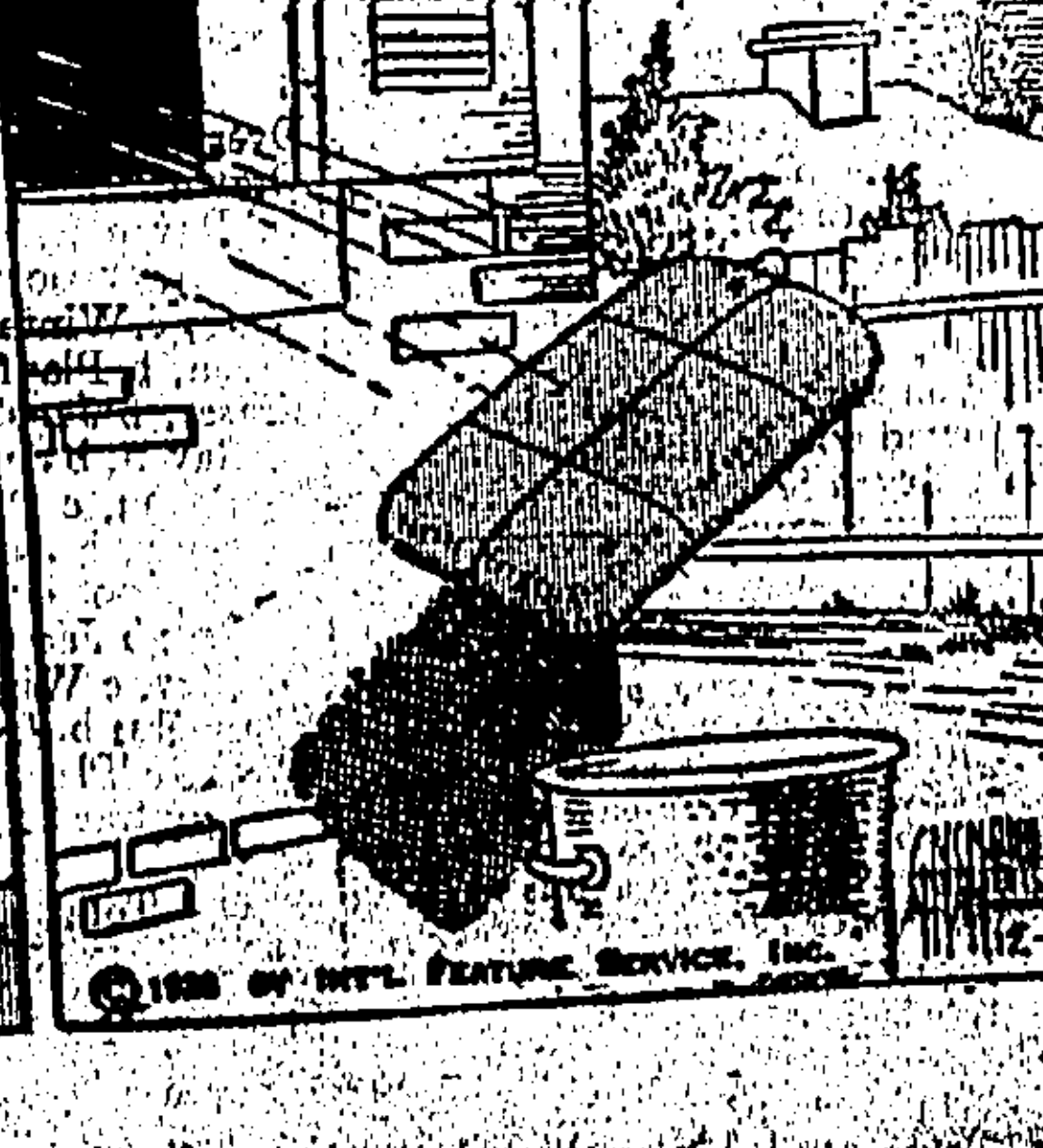
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 Adm. O.
- DEPARTURES.**
 Myhranges, (Chin On) for
 Saigon—February 7.
 Taima, (B. I. S. N.) for Singa-
 pore—February 7.

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 bay Line) left Bombay for Hongkong via
 ports on Jan. 31 and is expected here on
 Feb. 17.
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 pool on Jan. 10 for Hongkong, Shanghai
 and Japan and is due here on or about
 Feb. 21.
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 which is due at Hongkong on Feb. 20
 sailed from Seattle on Jan. 21 on
 schedule.
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 (European Line) left London for Hong-
 kong via Suez on Jan. 19 and is expected
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 Samahai and Wechoo. Kung Ning. 4 p.m.
 Straits, Egypt and EUROPE via LONDON
 —Dep. London 14th March
 Shanghai. 5 p.m.
 Bangkok. 5 p.m.
 Swatow. 5 p.m.
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
 Saigon. 5.30 a.m.
 Haikow, Amoy and Foochow. 8.30 a.m.
 Swatow. 8.30 a.m.
 *Straits and Calcutta. 2.30 p.m.
 *Africa, India, Bombay, Aden,
 Europe & EUROPE via M.A.R.
 *SILLES—dep. Marseilles 6th Mar.
 Parcels 5 p.m. Saturday 6th. Registration
 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
 Haikow. 5 p.m.
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9.
 Haikow. 8.30 a.m.
 Bangkok. 8.30 a.m.
 Yuen-sang. 10 a.m.
 Haikow. 1 p.m.
 Kungchow. 1.30 p.m.
 Van Overstraten. 3.30 p.m.
 Liangchow. 5 p.m.
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10.
 Shanghai. 10 a.m.
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 via Hamburg. Rheinland. 9 a.m.
 via Hamburg. Kajo Maru. 9 a.m.
 Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. 5 p.m.
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.
 Amoy. 5 p.m.
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.
 Swatow and Bangkok. Kwan-tung. 8.30 a.m.
 Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. Haikow. Noon.
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.
 Haikow. 8.30 a.m.
 Shanghai and Japan. Kitano Maru. 10.30 a.m.
 Manila. Pres. Jefferson. 3.30 p.m.
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.
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 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.
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- ARRIVALS.**
 For P. & O. s.s. "Soudan" on Feb.
 7.—Messrs O. Arthur, L. Kim, K. Ling,
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- DEPARTURES.**
 For C.P.S. s.s. "Empress of
 Russia" on Feb. 7.—Mr. H. B. Mansell,
 Mr. E. E. Barnett, Mr. W. Shuld, Mr. A.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 7th 11m.—Pressure
 has decreased considerably at
 Chefoo and Shanghai, moderately
 from Sharp Peak to S. Formosa
 and slightly over the Philippines.
 A somewhat deep depression
 has developed over China.
 Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours
 ending at 10 a.m. today, 1.68 inch.
 Total since January 1st, 3.01 inches,
 against an average of 1.89 inches.
 Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
 noon on February 8, 1924.
 1.—Formosa Channel. W. or varia-
 ble winds, moderate; generally cloudy, fog.
 2.—South coast of China between
 Hongkong and Loo-choo. W. or variable
 winds, moderate; generally cloudy, fog.
 3.—South coast of China between
 Hongkong and Taiwan. W. or variable
 winds, moderate; generally cloudy, fog.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

FEBRUARY 7, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Therm. Temperature.	Humidity	Wind Direction, Force.
Malacca	6 n. 30.17	16	...	0
Tenore	3 n.	...	...	...
Kokode	...	...	...	...
Kokio	...	...	...	...
Nasakoi	...	...	...	...
Kasahima	...	...	...	...
Chang	...	...	...	...
Yaha	...	...	...	...
Shi'ima	...	...	...	...
North Island	...	...	...	...
Chaofo	6 n. 24.75	50	80	...
Hankow	...	...	...	...
Chang	...	...	...	...
Changsha	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	...	30.60	67, 100	SWW 1
Outsai	...	28.63	59, 100	W 6
Sharp Pk.	7 n. 28.78	68	85	...
Swatow	6 n. 28.77	60, 100	...	0
Taihook	5	...	...	...
Taihook	5	...	61	66 WSW 4
Taihook	5	28.86	61	ENE 4
Taiwan	...	28.31	66	ENE 14
Koshuwa	...	28.84	73	ENE 12
Pescadore	...	25.64	61	ENE 4
Canton	6	...	...	...
Shanghai	...	28.80	67, 88	...
Chang Rook	...	28.80	...	...
Macao	...	28.78	66, 69	...
Wachow	6 n.	...	...	...
Pakhoi	...	...	...	...
Hohow	...	...	...	...
Puillen	7 n. 24.73	98	98	ENE
U.S.S. Fish	...	...	...	...
Aparr	6 n.	49.84	75	...
Dagupan	...	30.65	75, 93	...
Manila	...	30.60	70, 98	...
Legaspi	...	30.58	76	ENE
Holoban	...	...	...	...
Holoban	...	28.81	75	96 N
Sarigao	...	28.90	75	98
Guam	4.30	29.34	...	...
Yap	4.47	29.81	...	...
Lubuan	6 n.	29.77	91, 91	...